

Eastern PA Regional Service Minutes

January 4, 2004

- 2:14pm Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer.
- 12 Traditions read by: Tim R.
- Roll Call:

RSC Chair	Henry D.
RSC Co-Chair	Hadi M.
Secretary	Michele M.
Treasurer	Dick R.
Literature Review	<i>Position Open</i>
H & I	<i>Position Open</i>
PI/Helpline	Tim R.
Activities	Steve D.
Policy	<i>Not Present</i>
Meeting List	Mike D.
Regional Delegate	Jim H.
RD Alt.	<i>Position Open</i>
RCM Mont. Co.	Walt E. (Alt.)
RCM Bucks Co.	Linda W.
RCM Pure & Simple	Craig R. (Alt.)
RCM Beehive	<i>Not Present</i>

- Quorum met.
- Last month's minutes read and accepted.

Regional Delegate Report:

I worked on two things in December. Finding out about the Autonomy Zonal Forum, and getting a copy of the World Service policy. I have been in contact with several RDs from the Autonomy Zone. I have all of the directions, and will be attending on January 24th in Morgantown West Virginia. I asked about the agenda, and was informed that the agenda will be given out at the meeting. I am looking forward to getting involved in the Autonomy Zone, and hope the region is equally interested in being a part of the Zone. I talked to several different people from World services about getting a copy of the policy, and was assured that I would be receiving one in the Mail shortly. I am going to follow up on this again, and try to get it in electronic format so it can be more easily cataloged by the region. If anyone has any questions about world services, get them to me, and I will find the answers.

In loving service Jim H.

Subcommittee Reports

H & I: Paula from Philadelphia brought to our attention the need for basic text at Montgomery County Prison and the need for an additional meeting at Horsham Clinic. Montco will handle both issues. Laying groundwork for sharing commitments between Montco and Bucks was discussed.

Unofficial Report by Todd S.

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Subcommittee Reports (cont.)

Meeting List: Another addict and myself went to Philadelphia Regional Subcommittees and discussed a multi regional meeting list and shared services. Phila. Region was very receptive. We are asking all the RCM's to please go back to their areas and give out the regional meeting list update forms. (To be given out). Please be aware- on the form it asks if the meeting is wheelchair accessible. The definition of this is: flat surface entrance. It is very important this information is accurate. We are asking the region to reimburse the subcommittee \$28.63 for copies and binders. The committee discussed handing out the amendment sheets bi-monthly.

In loving service, Mike S.

PI: The committee met and went over the Policy and the Contingency Plan. Also discussed was the need for a regional phoneline and a P.O. Box. *

Activities: The committee met today for the first time. 1 member, Sara C., Laurie D. and myself were in attendance. We talked about creating a format and a policy for the committee. A reminder to area reps, please let your area unity/activities chairperson that they are members of this committee. I cannot submit a budget at this time; as we don't know what the region expects of us. The Bucks County Area Unity Committee is hosting a roller skating party Jan 30. There is a flyer attached to this report with more info. If there are any functions being held by area committees please forward all info to me so I can pass it on to the other areas.

In loving service, Steve D.

Area Reports

Beehive: *Not present*

Bucks County: No report or donation this month.

Montgomery County: Montco Area had a great turn out and participation from the home groups in the area. We held our yearly elections. They are as follows: Area Chair- Dean L., Area Co-chair- open, Policy Chair- Steve R., Unity Chair- Fran, PI- open, H&I- Joe C., Treasurer- Todd, Phoneline- open, Literature- open, RCM- Craig L., RCM Alt- Walter E., Co-Treasurer- Jim, Secretary- Phyllis. Montco Area held a New Years Eve dance with a fair turnout. The purpose was to give addicts a place to go. Area donation is \$54.14. All is well.

In loving service, Alt. RCM Walter E.

**Summary of verbal report. Written report not submitted.*

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Area Reports (cont.)

Pure and Simple: Area service meets in Sellersville on the 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Michaels Lutheran Church. Due to a snowstorm on the same day as area, attendance was light. An Ad-hoc committee has been formed to look into holding a banquet/dance in late June/early July to be chaired by Nancy. I have all of the addresses for the group registration forms. We have a regional donation of \$173.97 and are looking forward to a great year of program in '04.

In service, Craig R.

Adhoc Committee Report:

I am sorry to report that December proved to be a lot busier than I had anticipated. I was unable to do any extensive research, nor did I remember to call anyone. I apologize for my inconsistency, and intend to reorganize for January. I look forward to working with the four areas to get the information we need. I have found one facility that seems to be very promising. The facility is St. Lukes Hospital in Quaker town. Pure and simple currently has a meeting in this facility on Saturday nights. The Hospital has several meeting rooms on its lower level. It is easily accessible from the PA Turnpike. I have not yet found out about availability, but intend to soon. Because the facility is not a church, the accessibility will probably be better suited to our needs. I have the phone number of the contact person from the group that meets there, and I will start there, and get together with the people designated from each area.

In loving service, Jim H.

Treasurer Report

- Incorporation papers were filed and returned due to errors made on our non-profit data. These papers were reissued on 1/3/04. Hopefully will have all our status in order.
- This month's transactions:

Check#	Description	Amount
	Opening Balance	2725.47
	Montco Donation	54.14
	Pure and Simple Donation	173.97
	Balance After Donations	2953.58
104	Reimbursement to Meeting List	-28.63
105	Expenses to send RD to Morgantown	-250.00
	Closing Balance	2674.95

Old Business

1. **Motion tabled from last month by Mike S.:** *That consensus voting be limited to only elected members of the RSC structure.* Motion passes (10-1-0)

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New Business

- **Meeting List** motions for a *financial reimbursement in the amount of \$28.63.* Motion passes (U.)
- **Regional Delegate** motions for \$250.00 for *travel expenses to the Autonomy Zonal Forum in Morgantown, WV on January 24th.* Motion passes (U.)

Open Forum

- **Motion by Tim R.** *For the EPARSC to get two rooms/two nights at MARLCNA for its regional representatives. Intent is to enhance lines of communication between subcommittees across regional lines.* Motion passes (U.)
 - **Motion by Mike S.** *That a letter be drafted to the policy chair that states that the presence of the chair and the information on what has been done on the formulation of a new regional policy is presented. If neither is presented then the position becomes open. Intent is to further the growth of the region.* Motion passes (9-1-0).
 - **Philly Region Reps (Chris, Dennis, and Jerry)** Areas please support Philly's phoneline and meeting list since we will continue to be included. Also, for now we are still covered under Philly's insurance policy, Vista Insurance. They will work with Dick R. to get a quote for our region, since it will be harder to cover us once we become our own incorporation. And lastly, Philly wants us to know that they are willing to help us in anyway needed.
- 4:05pm Meeting closes with the Serenity Prayer.

The next Regional Services will take place:

February 1, 2004 at 2pm
Hosted by the Montgomery County Area
Trinity Lutheran Church
Highland Ave and Bethlehem Pike in Ambler
Subcommittees at 1pm

*Beehive Area to host Regional Services on March 7th.
Pure & Simple to host on April 4th and Bucks County on May 7th.
Times & places to be announced.

Positions Open at Region:

Co-Secretary • Co-Treasurer • RD Alternate • H&I Chair • Lit. Review Chair